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TALKING PAPER FOR MEETING TO BE HELD AFTER THE NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING ON 5 MARCH 1959

Subject: United States Military Actions Relative
to the Developing Berlin Situation (S)



1. On 13 January 1959 the Joint Chiefs of Staff informed the Secretary of Defense and the State Department of the type of military preparations, courses of action, and the method of timing thereof considered necessary to meet the Berlin situation unless the Soviets withdraw from their expressed intentions.
2. On 30 January 1959, at a State-JCS meeting, as the result of a meeting with the President, the State Department representative requested that the Joint Chiefs of Staff compile a list of military actions appropriate to the developing Berlin situation which could be initiated promptly and quietly and which, while detectable through intelligence channels, would not be of a nature to create public alarm.
3. On 2 February 1959, in accordance with the above, a list of action believed to be in consonance with the criteria specified, was forwarded by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense and to USCINCEUR.
4. Preparatory military actions which are being or have been taken are contained in the Appendix hereto.
5. These actions, as well as others that must be taken, will require a significant increase in funds over those now available to the Military Departments.
6. On 28 February 1959, in response to a request by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, USCINCEUR forwarded proposals for strengthening his forces in view of the Berlin situation. Pertinent proposals and an analysis of each follow:

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3. USCINCEUR and the Joint Staff are presently conducting communications and electronics planning for the Support of Berlin Plans

4. On 25 February CINCUSAFE informed the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, that flight operations, under all weather conditions, were being conducted to improve crew training and evaluate navigational aids and communications.

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